



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al. )

Serial No.: 09/724,000 )

Filed: November 28, 2000 )

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 )  
Molecules and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

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Sir:

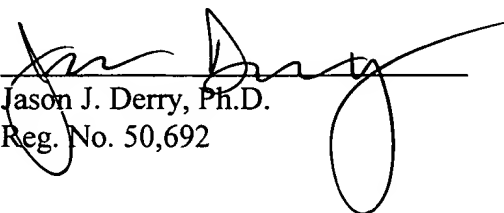
**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed June 21, 2005. A check covering the requisite amount of \$1020.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) is submitted herewith. Please charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: December 21, 2005

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